

FINDS BURLINGTON A LIVE CENTER

Visitor to the Queen City Says
It Is Delightfully Beautiful
with the Highest Standards
and Supplied with Up-to-the-
Minute Stores

"You've a charming city," said the visitor to a Free Press reporter as they sat on a bench in Battery Park.

The sun was dropping over the hills across Lake Champlain, bright red in glow and sparkling the waters of the lake with huge, hazy, shimmering flames. The reporter was in a talkative mood. He had had a perfect day and at its close was filled with complimentary speech.

"Yes," he continued, "a most charming city. My travels have taken me to all parts of my native land and to many places in foreign lands, and I believe I am capable of judging what is right in both nature and humanity."

"This is my first visit to the Queen City and I must say that I am more than agreeably impressed. I always know what your impressions are correct."

The wife's approval and the fact that she was right and she is just an enthusiast over your city as I am."

The reporter, inquisitive to know what so much enthusiasm, ventured to inquire what prompted the admiration.

"I have been here for two weeks," responded the visitor. "We have been stopping but a day or two. We have changed our plans entirely and will remain the month. To your inquiry I will reply that here you are favored with all that nature can provide, a lake, most charming mountains and a city that is entirely removed to give them their greatest charm, beautifully shaded streets, attractive residences, adequate and accommodating hotels and a mercantile and manufacturing equipment the equal of any city of half a million residents that I have ever visited. And I am sure you will not mention your new

"Speaking of your merchandising conditions, I was surprised to find it possible in a city of this size, so far removed from the big markets, as one would naturally suppose, but which is an error when one required to see the goods, that you could have equipped stores you have. Why, your city of less than 25,000 persons is far better supplied with up-to-date minute stores than many a city four or five times as large. I am sure that your merchandising could support them, with their modern and extensive stocks. It was not until I had consulted with the general class of merchants here that I got the answer. It is informed me that Burlington is a free and open trading center in this northern country and that fully 50,000 people patronize the merchants of your city—that patronage is centered not only from the northern and central cities, Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin, Vermont, but that northern New York residents are buyers here in large numbers.

"You have great stores and live with the merchants. And do you know that progressive merchandising creates live, wide-

for I do business with more than a thou
and merchants in almost as many place

I have met some of your tradesmen since I arrived here, and if they are as intelligent as you claim, then you have every reason for elation over the type of men at the head of your merchandising establishments. It is well said that outside trade does not come into the town where the reputations of the merchant are the highest, and the home trade is very apt to do its buying elsewhere. "Young man," said the visitor, "you may say in your paper that your city has had one visitor this season who has fallen in love with it and its bright business center." And the visitor lighted his second cigar and strolled toward.

GAS WILL BE HIGHER

Thirteen Per Cent Increase for Burlington People to Start in August

The price of gas will be increased ten per cent to the 5,000 or more customers in Burlington and Vineland during the time of August. The method, used in the Burlington Gas company, will be to establish the new rate in every meter as soon as the amount of the meter is recorded and set back. It is obviously impossible to make the increase all over the city at one time, because the meters are organized throughout the month in getting around to the thousands of meters. The first bills which will be based on the new rates will be those sent out October 1. The scarcity of fuel oil is given as the cause of the increase in the price of higher price. While the price of gas has gone up 40 per cent during the last few years in addition to the new increase of 13 per cent, the price of fuel oil has ascended from about three and a half cents to 5 1/2 per gallon. The increase in the price of fuel oil has been about 100 per cent in the last few months. The oil is used in large amounts and the coal used into Burlington every few days. Anthracite coal has increased as well as the price of labor which has gone up 148 per cent since before the war.

at the old price. To embarrass the situ-

FIRE IN BOATHOUSE

One Owned by George D. Jarvis Destroyed—Hard Fight to Fight

The entire fire department was called out Sunday afternoon by a general alarm from box 46 on the lake from The firemen found that a boathouse belonging to George D. Jarvis had caught fire in some unaccountable manner, and had obtained such a start that it was impossible to save it. All the effort

This house was saved from destruction

The location of the boathouses made an especially mean situation for the firemen to face. They were built on the extreme end of the stone breakwater which encloses the slip of the J. R. Booth Lumber company. It took 1,400 feet of hose to reach the fire, and this had to be stretched, down through the lumber yard and out across the stone causeway connecting the mainland with the two boathouses. Under the circumstances only a line of hose could be laid, but this proved sufficient to prevent the flames from reaching the boathouse structure.

NOT BUSY

"I believe," said the impatient man he put aside the telephone, "that I'll fishing." "I don't ordinarily, but it's only chance I have of finding myself the end of a line that isn't busy."—**BOY Life.**